**Privately Produced News Bulletins on Doordarshan**

1340. DR. C. NARYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any decision that privately produced news bulletins shall not be telecast on DD-1;

(b) whether there are any exceptions to it and are there any Doordarshan Kendras in India wherein privately produced news bulltins are allowed to be telecast on DD-1; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor: and the guidelines evolved to ensure authenticity;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Prasar Bharati Board has resolved that Doordarshan will not give any news based programmes on DD-1 to any private producer until a policy decision is taken to the contrary. The only exception is a privately produced news programme of M/s. Rainbow Communications, Calcutta which is currently being telecast in the regional service of DDK, Calcutta under orders of the Calcutta High Court. Prasar Bharati has moved both the Calcutta High Court and the Supreme Court against the verdict of High Court. The matter is sub-judice.

**Slots to State Governments for Communicating Their Policies/Programmes**

1341. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allot slots for certain time on a week to the State Governments for cummunicating their policies and welfare programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action proposed for such social communication programmes;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) It has been intimated by Prasar Bharati that there is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Policies and activites, including Welfare programmes of the State Governments, are regularly highfighted in Regional News bulletins telecast by the various Kendras of Doordarshan.

**Telecast of Programmes in Various Indian Languages**

1342. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prasar Bharati is telecasting programmes in all Indian languages under constituion;

(b) if so, details of hours of telecasting of each language in the National Network and the Regional Kendra, language-wise;

(c) why Urdu has been neglected by Prasar Bharati;

(d) whether Prasar Bharati is aware that Urdu is the mother tongue of more than 100 million people in India; and

(e) whether Prasar Bharati will ensure that Urdu will receive equal treatment with other languages and increase the programmes and telecasting time in Urdu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prasar Bharati has reported that such records are not maintained centrally in a compiled from.

(c) to (e) It has been intimated by Prasar Bharati that Urdu has not been neglected by them. News bulletins in Urdu are telecast daily on the Metro

Network and also on the Regional Services from Srinagar, Lucknow, Patna, Calcutta and Hyderabad. Many of the Doordarshan Kendras have also earmarked separate chunks for musical and literary programmes in Urdu. Film and film based programme also regularly include Urdu.

**मीडिया का व्यावसायीकरण**

1343. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मीडिया अपने लक्ष्य से भटक गया है और व्यावसायिकता के अभियानों का अग्रदूत बनता जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार मीडिया की स्वच्छन्दता पर रोक लगाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

**सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री श्री मुख्तार अब्बास नकवी):** (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

**State Information Ministers Conference**

1344. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level conference of State Information Ministers/Secretaries took place recently at New Delhi;

(b) if so, furnish details of agenda discussed and major decisions taken on major issues relating to operationalisation of industry status to film production, video piracy and formulation of suitable laws and establishment of regulatory mechanism by the States to monitor cable TV operators;

(c) details of action taken/proposed by the State Governments and status of ATR State wise; and

(d) whether fresh initiative have been taken for shifting cinema from State list to concurrent list and to curb growing trend of sex and violence in Indian cinema and through cable network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of Agenda, decisions and action taken in the following issues are as under:

(i) Operationalisation on industry status to film production:

It was decided that the States would consider granting industry status to film production.

On this action is to be initiated by the State Governments.

(ii) Video piracy and formulation of suitable laws and establishment of regulatory mechanism by the States to monitor cable TV operators;

It was unanimously accepted by all State Governments that video piracy has assumed alarming proporation and there is a need to take effective measures for inforcement of provisions of the Copyright Act, 1957, which already has enough stringent provisions to deal with the problem.

This has been noted by the State Governments.

(d) The proposal of shifting cinema from State List to the Concurrent List has been kept in abeyance till the State Governments reconsider the same.

All films including advertisement films intended for public exhibition in India are required to be certified by the Central Borad of Film Certification in accordance with the provision of the Cenematograph Act, 1952 and the guidelines issued thereunder. According to these guidelines, while examining films for certification, the Board shall, inter-alia, ensure that human sensibilities are not offended by vulgarity, obscenity or depravity.